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## LETTERS OF WILLIAM BYRD FIRST.

(From his letter book in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society.)

(Continued.)

TO PERRY AND LANE.

Virga ffeb<sup>ry</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1686.

Gent<sup>t</sup>

My last to you was ~~to~~ Hall, who I am told run on ground & lost ab<sup>t</sup> 10 days time, however hope by this time hee may bee Safe in England; this accompany's the Culpepper, 20<sup>th</sup> 120 H<sup>d</sup><sup>s</sup> of Tobacco & 5 of furs C<sup>r</sup>; Wee have had Some dispute ab<sup>t</sup> his freight, & I thinke it hard y<sup>t</sup> wee (who have allways assisted him in his necessity) should pay more than others that ship inconsiderable parcells, & though a Charter Pty is pretended yet Some whose names are thereon indorsed, have affirmed, they never gave Orders or desired any Such thing, & I know most others who are under my circumstances have refused to take bills of Ladeing, & allthough I have, yet I wholly leave it to you, & doubt not, but shall bee used as kindly others. The Byrd I hope may bee ready some time next moneth. Audeley hath (much adoe) promised mee ab<sup>t</sup> 150 H<sup>d</sup><sup>s</sup> & I know not but I may goe w<sup>th</sup> him, if I can procure freight, w<sup>ch</sup> I yet want for near 300 H<sup>d</sup><sup>s</sup> the Turkey merchant being gone for Yorke hath wholly disappointed us; So that wee none to expect but Tibbets & Hasted, & fear they will bee both late; My Service to all friends & please to accept the same from

Gent<sup>t</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> reall fr<sup>d</sup> & Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. B.

To mess<sup>rs</sup> Perry & Lane — ~~to~~Culpepper.

To MR. NORTH.

Virga ffeb<sup>ry</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1686S<sup>r</sup>

This Serves to accompany Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruds w<sup>th</sup> 70 H<sup>ls</sup> of Tobacco & Six of furs & skins w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will come Safe to yo<sup>r</sup> Hands. I am now in great want of freight, Burrell being gone to Yorke River, hath disappointed us here, & have none now to Expect but Tibbets & Hasted both w<sup>ch</sup> I fear will bee late; Ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> latter End of Aprill or begining of May I hope to see you & therefore shall not trouble you farther at present but with best respects & Service to all where due I remain

S<sup>r</sup>Yo<sup>r</sup> assured frd & Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. B.

To m<sup>r</sup> North ꝑ Ruds.

To JOHN THOMAS &amp; COMPANY, BARBADOS.

Virga ffeb<sup>ry</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1686.Gen<sup>t</sup>

Yo<sup>rs</sup> by Wynne I last weeke recd, allso yo<sup>r</sup> generall letter C<sup>a</sup> Since w<sup>ch</sup> I have not had oppertunity to discourse the Gen<sup>t</sup> concern'd, but Suppose they are (upon the fair Acco<sup>t</sup> you have given of yo<sup>r</sup> just proceedings) now better Satisfy'd; I have not yet recd any goods from on board, but daily expect them; the ship hath been hindred by bad weather; but now hope shee will bee Suddenly unloaden, & ready to take Wheat in for Madera's, whither (God willing) shee is design'd & from thence you may expect her to Barbados; where I shall not in y<sup>e</sup> least doubt yo<sup>r</sup> diligence for her dispatch: The Pipe Staves mentioned in my former m<sup>r</sup> Perry will pay mee for.

I designe (God willing) for England this Spring, but doubt not before I goe to have an oppertunity to expresse my Selfe.

Gen<sup>t</sup>Yo<sup>r</sup> assured friend & ServantW<sup>m</sup>. B.

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jno. Thomas & Comp<sup>y</sup>  
In Barbados.

## TO JOHN THOMAS &amp; COMPANY, BARBADOS

Virginia Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688Gen<sup>t</sup>

Last yeare (1) when I was goeing out of the Country I wrote to you but I find itt miscaryed & that I had no goods from you by Wynne Last voyage & Since my arrivall here I find two letters from you whearein you mention the £118 due from me to you for Last goods I had w<sup>ch</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Perry & Lane tould mee you charged to them as allso a considerable sum charged by Wynne for the Last Ladeing both w<sup>ch</sup> when I was in the downes comeing away was demanded by M<sup>r</sup> Daulby Thomas of M<sup>r</sup> Micajah Perry as hee wrote me word; the £118 I owned to M<sup>r</sup> Perry to be due for such a Cargoe sent mee but I wondered to find I had not Cred<sup>it</sup> given mee for what I had in your hands I suppose you may have advised of the allowance theareof befor this Comes to your hands w<sup>ch</sup> will bee well enough for haveing no Barbados goods by Wynne last voyage in my absence the Gen<sup>t</sup> concerned have lent mee Severall p<sup>'</sup>cells by w<sup>ch</sup> means I owe a considerable Quantity of yo<sup>r</sup> Commodity & tharefor I have sent inclosed an Invoice for what goods I would have you send mee by Wynne or if otherwise you find a Convenience by any other ship or Vessel that comes for James River before him. I desire you to send mee att least halfe the Sugars and Mellasses thereby but no Rum but by Wynne M<sup>r</sup> Sadlein was very well when I left london (w<sup>ch</sup> was y<sup>e</sup> weeke before Xmas & may be I suppose ere this w<sup>th</sup> you to whom my Servis w<sup>ch</sup> I desire you all to accept from Gn<sup>t</sup>.

Yo<sup>r</sup> reall freind & Servant

W. B.

Whatever these goods may come to more then I have effects in yo<sup>r</sup> hands I will pay by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Perry & lane in london: only I Deseir you would please to send mee yo<sup>r</sup> acco<sup>t</sup> that all things may be fairly accommodated.

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(1) In the Spring of 1687 Byrd went to England and returned in the Spring of the next year.

Invoice of Sundry goods & Merchandizes sent for by me W<sup>m</sup> Byrd to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jno Thomas & Comp<sup>y</sup> Merchants In Barbados for my pticuler acco<sup>t</sup> & Risque Viz:

4000 Gallons of Rum:

5000 of Muscovaco: sug<sup>r</sup> or rather 6000

8 or 10 Tun of Malasses

1 Barrell of ab<sup>t</sup> 2lb of whitt sug<sup>r</sup>

Let the Rum & Shug<sup>r</sup> & Mellasses be all in small Caske & if possible Wynne may not be able to bring all thearefor I deseir you would send at Least halfe the sugar & Mellasses by the first Convenience for James River for I am now in want.

Virga Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688 —                      ♂ Wm. Byrd

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jno Thomas & Company  
In Barbados

TO ANTHONY HORSMANDEN (2)

Virga Aprill the 16 1688.

S<sup>r</sup>

I reced one from you att Deale w<sup>ch</sup> much troubled mee, to finde you so much concernd as likely to Suffer by any proceedings of mine, & was very Sorry you were not pleased to let me know it whilst I was in London that I might have indeavored to have p'vented any Misunderstandings, I must Confesse I was Somewhat moved at your letter, w<sup>ch</sup> made mee write to you so freely, & if any thing was amiste therein I doubt not but your goodnesse (whereof I am very Sensible) will Excuse itt, I did allways acquaint you w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>t</sup> progresse I made in London; You know I attended my L<sup>d</sup> Ch: frequently but never could have y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> to discourse him, you know allso very well (I'me sure better then I) what was promised, & on what Condiçon; I was Sorry I could not hear farther from you whilst I remained

(2) Anthony Horsmanden was an uncle of Mrs. Byrd. Her first husband (who lived but a short time after their marriage) was her cousin, Samuel Filmer, third son of Sir Robert Filmer, of East Sutton, Kent. He left his wife his sole legatee, and made her father Warham Horsmanden and her uncle Anthony Horsmanden "overseers" of his estate. Probably the difficulty between Byrd and Anthony Horsmanden was about some matter relating to Filmer's estate. See this Magazine XV, 181.

att Deale, y<sup>t</sup> if y<sup>e</sup> course I propos'd, had not beene Sufficient, Some other means might have been Consider'd to pvent any Inconveniency to you or my self, but I hope all thing are long since accomodated, & you reinstated in his L<sup>d</sup> ships favour, for I would not by any means you should suffer on my acco<sup>t</sup>, but I hope all pties are Sattisfyed, & there onely wants my acknowl-edgem<sup>ts</sup> to yo<sup>r</sup> selfe w<sup>ch</sup> I shall allways bee ready to make in such manner & measure as you shall reasonably ppose: pray give my humble service to my Aunt Coz<sup>n</sup> Judith, & all yo<sup>r</sup> Little ones, & please to accept y<sup>e</sup> Same yo<sup>r</sup>self, w<sup>th</sup> my thanks for all yo<sup>r</sup> favours I remain

Yo<sup>r</sup> obliged Kinsman & Servant.

To my Uncle Antony

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TO THOMAS BYRD.

Virga April y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

Dear Bro:

I wrote to you from y<sup>e</sup> Downes & wonder you would not bee so kind to lett mee hear from you a line or two in answer, I had a pleasant & short passage, being not much above a Moneth from Land to Land I gave M<sup>r</sup> Hartwell yo<sup>r</sup> Letter I hope you will improve yo<sup>r</sup> time & acquaintance be just & fair in yo<sup>r</sup> dealings, for now is yo<sup>r</sup> time to get Credite or never, you must be diligent & carefull now to gett a good reputaçon & I will assure you I will not bee wanting to doe you all y<sup>e</sup> offices of love & service y<sup>t</sup> lyes in my way. I thank God I found my wife & family in prety good health, though wee had a Sickly time pray lett me hear from you often for I am Sure you cannot want Oppertunity's, Remember mee to my sisters Robinson & Mary I hope they'l Excuse my comeing away so abruptly you know y<sup>e</sup> Occation.

My Service to all our frds, you may assure your Selfe I am

Dear Bro

To Bro. Tom

TO THOMAS GOWER.

S<sup>r</sup> Virga Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

This is only to give you an Acco<sup>t</sup> of my Safe arrivall here after a short & pleasant passage of little more then a Moneth; yo<sup>r</sup> Brother (3) here seems much out of order, complains of a pain in his Side, w<sup>ch</sup> hath troubled him for or five Moneths, that he is not able to ride nor walk far; I believe he is in a decaying condicon; pray if you have made up yo<sup>r</sup> Acco<sup>ts</sup> & return'd an Inventory of my Mothers & Grandmothers Estate, please to send me a Coppy of them, for I have no reason to quitt my claim to y<sup>e</sup> former, you know some concerned therein have not oblidged mee so much, & for y<sup>e</sup> latter it concerns my son, who cannot be prejudiced by any Lapse during his Nonage. Pray give my service to all our ffr<sup>ds</sup> wee have frequently drank yo<sup>r</sup> good healths but not yett disposed of y<sup>e</sup> token, However wee Intend a returne by this Ship; Remember mee to all ffr<sup>ds</sup> at Edminton & honest Dick ffaucett w<sup>th</sup> my Coz<sup>n</sup> Seabright & Cozn Hesther, & accept of my hearty Service to yo<sup>r</sup> selfe w<sup>th</sup> thanks for all yo<sup>r</sup> favo<sup>rs</sup> I am

S<sup>r</sup>Yo<sup>r</sup>To m<sup>r</sup> Tho: Gower

TO JACOB BOBERT (4).

S<sup>r</sup> Virga Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

I must beg yo<sup>r</sup> pardon y<sup>t</sup> I did not answer yo<sup>rs</sup> at London,

(3) The brother was Abel Gower, who was a justice of Henrico County, Va., 1677-85, Sheriff 1681, and a member of the House of Burgesses 1679. His will was dated Dec. 25, 1688, and proved June 1689. He gave his wife Jane his plantation for life, and then to his daughter Tabitha, and if she died without issue, to Priscilla and Obedience Branch. Mrs. Jane Gower had been a widow Branch. On Oct. 20, 1700, license was issued for the marriage of Richard Grigg and Tabitha, orphan of Abel Gower. Tabitha possibly died without issue, as in March 1711, Richard Dennis and Mary his wife petitioned as heirs at law of Abel Gower. These Gowers were probably of an old Worcestershire family of the name in which Abel frequently appears as a Christian name.

(4) Jacob Bobart was keeper of the botanical gardens at Oxford 1680, &c., and Sherardian professor of botany from 1684 until his death in 1719. William Byrd seems to have had some knowledge of botany, and his interest in trees and plants was no doubt heightened by his friendship with his not distant neighbor, John Banister, the naturalist, who is stated in the postscript to have just married a young widow. Evidently Byrd had been at Oxford during his visit to England.

considering what a Noble present it brought mee, but I hope yo<sup>r</sup> goodnesse will Excuse mee considering w<sup>t</sup> a Hurry a man thats so great a Stranger as I am in England must bee in, when he is just parting w<sup>th</sup> all his ffrriends, & bound to this other world, all y<sup>e</sup> trees & Shrubs came in Extraordinary well by yo<sup>r</sup> great care in packing of them. I doe not doubt their growth; & now should bee happy did I know w<sup>ch</sup> way Sufficiently to acknowledge your Extraordinary kindnesse, I wish I might any way bee Serviceable to you here whatever lyes in my power you may freely Command

S<sup>r</sup>                      Yo<sup>r</sup> Oblidged

I gave yo<sup>r</sup> Token to m<sup>r</sup> Banister who is married to a Young Widow I did Expect him at my house last weeke, but hear since hee was not very well. I suppose hee hath or will write to you him selfe, my humble Service to all our ffr<sup>nd</sup>s at Oxon. To m<sup>r</sup> Ja. Bobert.

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To ——— RAND.

Virga April y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

Dear Bro:

After I parted from you at Deale on Thursday wee had fine calm weather y<sup>t</sup> Night & friday, but then y<sup>e</sup> wind comeing Easterly wee parted w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> lands End by Monday Noon, & twenty Eight days after wee made this Continent, but were hindred 2 or 3 day's by a Norwest Winde before wee gott in, However wee had a pleasant & short passage as I should ever desire; haveing y<sup>e</sup> happinesse of enjoying yo<sup>r</sup> good company so long, & so Easy a voyage afterwards was a blessing I could hardly Expect; Neither doe I kow how sufficiently to acknowledge yo<sup>r</sup> abundant kindnesse dureing my abode w<sup>th</sup> you w<sup>ch</sup> did not leave mee then, but I enjoy'd it at Sea in the Oranges you sent, & still have some of Jack Ward's Ale, to drink yo<sup>r</sup> health though it hath not kept so well as I Expected, it beeing now Something hard, I must beg you to accept my Most hearty thanks for all your kindnesse, allso to give my service to all our ffrriends & acquaintance, assuring you I shall allway's remain

Dear Bro:

To Bro: Rand

Yo<sup>r</sup> oblidged



TO CAPT. DUDLEY ST. LEGER (5).

Virga Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

Honest Dudly

The Extraordinary kindnesse & civilities I recd from you, dureing my aboad at Deale, would tax mee for Ingratitude if I did not at least returne you & my Coz<sup>n</sup> my most hearty thank for all yo<sup>r</sup> favo<sup>r</sup>s, w<sup>th</sup> I recd so plentifully whilst I remain'd w<sup>th</sup> you, & truly did our Country afford any thing I thought might bee acceptable to you, I would Endavo<sup>r</sup> y<sup>t</sup> way to acknowledge yo<sup>r</sup> ffavours; but since wee have nothing but Stinking Tobacco & yet not worth a farthing, I hope you will accept my thanks; I will not bee unmindfull to gett my Coz<sup>n</sup> Ned Some Snake-root, & what Else I can finde fitt for his use against Next Year I hope you will Excuse me now, being not yett settled at Home, I had a short & pleasant passage & thank God I found my wife & family in good health. Pray give my Service to good m<sup>r</sup> Aram, Honest Jack Tennant & all our ffrds & accept the Same to yo<sup>r</sup> selfe Coz<sup>n</sup> Winny, Coz<sup>n</sup> Ned c<sup>r</sup>a from

Yo<sup>r</sup> Oblidged

If you see Honest Phill Shales pray give him my hearty service my wife gives you all her best respects & service.

To Cap<sup>t</sup> Dudly St Leger

TO DANIEL HORSMANDEN (6).

Virga Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

Dear Bro:

Next after y<sup>e</sup> Happinesse of injoying yo<sup>r</sup>s, my sister Rands, w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> rest of our friends good Company at Deale all I could

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(5) Sir Warham St. Leger, of Ulcomb, Kent, had, in addition to a daughter Ursula, who married Rev. Daniel Horsmanden, and was grandmother of Mrs. Byrd, a son Dudley St. Leger. Capt. Dudley St. Leger was probably a descendant of his, and a near kinsman of Mrs. Byrd.

(6) This was a brother of Mrs. Byrd's, who was M. A. (Oxford) 1679, rector of Purleigh, Essex, 1680, and of Little Warley 1684. "Little Wary," was Warham Byrd, who died in childhood. It might be supposed that the English children with whom Byrd was comparing his own were those of Daniel Horsmanden, but the latter did not marry until May 29, 1690, when he married Mrs. Susanna Bowyer, of Woolwich, Kent, widow. See this Magazine XV, 314, &c. Sir Charles Tyrrell or Terrell was probably the baronet of that name, of Springfield-Barney, Essex, who married Martha, daughter and heiress of Charles Mildmay, Esq., of Woodham-Mortimer Hall, Essex, and died in 1714, age 54.

desire was a good passage home, w<sup>ch</sup> I thank God I had a pleasanter & shorter then I could Expect, whereto I doubt not your good wishes did contribute, & I must confesse I finde myselfe bound to you by so many obligacons, y<sup>t</sup> I can never be able sufficiently to acknowledge, & therefore must beg yo<sup>r</sup> acceptance of my Devoir; I am sure you have my dayly prayers for yo<sup>r</sup> prosperity; I thank God my Wife & Children I found in good Health, & my family indifferent, Little Warry thrives amain, & is allmost able to match his Coz<sup>n</sup> Nordage in all his good qualities, & Molly would outdoe little Sukee. Pray give my most Humble service to S<sup>r</sup> Charles Tirrell & his Lady, and if I might any way oblige either of them, by any thing this Country affords, lett mee know what may be most acceptable, & I will indeavor to send itt; you may blame me for not doing itt now, but I hope you will consider I am Scarcely settled att Home; Pray give my Humble Service to prety little m<sup>rs</sup> M. J. & if you take her into Essex remember yo<sup>r</sup> promise: I wish both Her & you all Happiness your hearts can desire; Her Beauty & innocence promise more sattisfaccon & quiet to you, then the Widows more talkative Humor could afford, my service to good m<sup>rs</sup> Knowles & all y<sup>t</sup> family. When you goe to Canterbury pray give my service to y<sup>e</sup> D<sup>r</sup> & his Lady, w<sup>th</sup> worthy Coll Lee if you see him, remember mee to Honest Phill Shales, & least I tire you pray give my respects & service to all where due, & accept of my most unfeigned Love & Service, w<sup>th</sup> most hearty thanks for all yo<sup>r</sup> favours I remain Dear S<sup>r</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> most Oblidged Bro

To my Bro: Danll

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TO WARHAM HORSMANDEN.

Virga Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

Worthy S<sup>r</sup>

This is chiefly to acquaint you of my Safe arriveall heither after a short & pleasant passage, haveing had y<sup>e</sup> happinesse of injoying my Bro; & Sister Rands w<sup>th</sup> my Bro. Danlls good company in the Downes till Xmas was Over, on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> evening I went on board, on y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> wee left the

Lands End, & in 28 dayes wee Saw our owne American shore, but was in all 33 days before wee got in to our Anchor, I thanke God wee had pleasant weather, I thought (though it was winter) yet wee had none but Halcyon days, Wee were about 100 souls on board, & no body sicke all y<sup>e</sup> voyage. I found my wife & children, w<sup>th</sup> the family (I thank God) Indifferently well, though it hath been a Sickly time here, ever since Xmas, but now blessed bee God all are pretty healthy. I waited on our Govern<sup>r</sup> at my first arriveall who recd me w<sup>th</sup> a great deal of respect, I find no dispute ab<sup>t</sup> my place here only m<sup>r</sup> Aud: Bacon claimes y<sup>e</sup> perquisites this year it being now allmost expired, wee are to have our Assembly to 19<sup>th</sup> instant, & Coll Ludwell is chosen a Burgesse. I believe hee had been more prudent to have waved it; My Lady (7) is very well; My blessing to the girls, whom I have writ to m<sup>r</sup> Perry to put to Hackny if you think convenient at Whitsuntide.

My best respects & Service to all where due, & please to accept of my duty w<sup>th</sup> hearty thanks for all yo<sup>r</sup> favours to

Worthy S<sup>r</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> obedient Son

To my ffather Horsmanden

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TO PERRY AND LANE.

Virga June y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

Gent<sup>l</sup>

When I was in England I acquainted you that here was (as I had been informed) good Christall (8), & I was told if any Rocks thereof might bee found, it would bee valuable: Since my comeing in I have indeavored for some to have Sent by James River Ships, but was twice disappointed by the fearfulness of y<sup>e</sup> Indians, & they are now returned the 3<sup>d</sup> time, w<sup>th</sup> not much better Success, the Rocke they have found but its much

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(7) "My Lady" was Lady Frances Berkeley, widow of Sir William, and now wife of Phillip Ludwell. She was one of the Kentish Culpepers, and seems to have been related to Mrs. Byrd. "The girls" were Byrd's two daughters then in England, who were to be put to school at Hackney. This is the last of the friendly letters of acknowledgment for hospitality received in England. They show how pleasant a trip "home" could be to the colonist with friends and relatives there.

too hard for any tools they had & none but massy Rocks there, so they brought mee onely ab<sup>t</sup> 10l, in Small pieces, Such as they could force from the top of y<sup>e</sup> Rocke; within its much harder & clearer. I have sent you a little box of itt, & desire you would inquire, What y<sup>e</sup> value thereof may bee & whither itt may bee worth while to undertake itt or not; I am confident it must bee of value, but whither sufficient (considering its above forty miles beyond the Xtian inhabitants & what charge must bee for cutting of itt) or not I know not but earnestly desire you fully to informe yourselfe in this affair, & please to returne mee an Answer by the first convenience, for I have thoughts of takeing up the Land forthwith. I have inclosed a letter to m<sup>r</sup> Charles Howard, w<sup>ch</sup> I desire you would Send him, as allso Some of the Stone that I may have his opinion herein, the whitish Stone is the top of the Rocke as you may perceive by the injuries of the fire & weather, & y<sup>e</sup> clearer underneath I shall write farther to you by this oppertunity from my L<sup>d</sup> where I thinke to bee y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> instant (God willing.) My numble Service to all friends, & please to accept y<sup>e</sup> Same yo<sup>r</sup> selves, w<sup>th</sup> hearty thanks for all your favours I take leave

Gen<sup>t</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> f<sup>d</sup> & Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. B.

Pray send mee by the first convenience 1 p<sup>r</sup> of Gudgeons for a grist Mill, & if you find the Christall worth while I would desire you to Send mee Some steel pecks & Wedges or what other tools you shall find most convenient for y<sup>e</sup> getting of itt. To m<sup>rs</sup>. Perry & Lane ꝑ Burrell

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TO HON. CHARLES HOWARD.

Virginia June y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1668

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

I have made bold to trouble you twice allready Since my arriveall, & hope yo<sup>r</sup> goodness will please to excuse; I sent you by my first Some Small pieces of Christall: Since w<sup>ch</sup> a greater quantity is come to my hands, but I suppose of no value being in Small pieces, & the top or outside of the Rocke, I imployed

the Indians to gett mee Some large pieces but it proves too hard for their tools, the rocks being very large & within the outer crust very clear & hard: Now I humbly beg the favo<sup>r</sup> of you to lett mee know whither itt may bee of any considerable value, & if it is, w<sup>ch</sup> may bee the best way to worke them, the Rocks are about 40 miles from any English inhabitants & but a troublesome way to them; I most humbly beg pardon for this trouble Assuring you if I can here any way Serve you I shall bee ready to the uttermost of my power, & ever remain

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

Yo<sup>r</sup> most Oblidged & Humbly  
devoted Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. B.

To y<sup>e</sup> Honbl<sup>e</sup> Cha: Howard, Esq<sup>r</sup>

TO JOHN FORD

Virga June y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1688

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This is onely to inclose the Second bill of Ladeing for 31 H<sup>ds</sup> of Tobo w<sup>ch</sup> I consigned to you by the friends Agreement Thomas Leache Com: I wish they may find a good market & if you can give mee any incouragement that way I shall give you a farther trouble in the interim, I hope you will excuse this By my last I desired you to Send mee what my Tobacco would fetch in Serges or what other Commodity your Country afforded fittest for our trade, & consigne them to mee in the upper parts of James River, I shall not trouble you farther but with kind respects take leave, hoping to hear from you as oppertunity will pmitt I remain

Yo<sup>rs</sup> to serve you

W. B.

To mr. Jno. fford m<sup>ch</sup><sup>t</sup>  
in Biddiford

TO A. & ALLEN.

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Virga July y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1688

I have been lately very Sicke w<sup>th</sup> a violent feaver & am yett very weake, but I blesse God have lost my faevo<sup>r</sup> 4 or 5 dayes Since & am able to walke about; Since my last to you Giles Webb (9) hath bought a tract of Land ab<sup>t</sup> 700 acres of m<sup>r</sup> Jno Pleasants, there is three plantations Seated on itt hee hath allso 22 head of Cattell & ab<sup>t</sup> 60 or 70 Hogs, for w<sup>ch</sup> hee payes 160£ <sup>sh</sup>g for w<sup>ch</sup> I have pass'd my note, as allso for 50£ more to Colo. James Powell for two Negroes. I have allso p<sup>d</sup> £21 more for a Negro Girle ab<sup>t</sup> 15 year old; Inclosed is one of the receipts Signed & Sealed according to m<sup>r</sup> Tho Webbs desire so that I hope they will forthwith pay you the money for my Acco<sup>t</sup> for I get not one farthing by itt; You'l find y<sup>t</sup> I have allready pd £31 more than y<sup>e</sup> £200, my reason was that m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Webb told mee Giles should have £100 more (w<sup>ch</sup> was his due) paid him when he settled Himselfe, & hath writt the same to Giles Webb himselfe; Now Giles being wooeing one of Colo. Swans Daughters, & they inquisitive what Giles may be worth I have promised Giles the other £100, for w<sup>ch</sup> hee hath promised mee his bills of Ex<sup>a</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> you may intimate to his brother; I shall gett nothing by all this onely paying mony out one way and receiving it another therefore I hope m<sup>r</sup> Tho: Webb will not make any Scruple of payment of y<sup>e</sup> other 100£ when Giles draws on him, itt being purely for his advancement, I believe I must draw Some bills on you for Some of these things Shortly; Wee have a great crop of Tobacco on the ground just now ready for y<sup>e</sup> house. God Send Seasonable weather, itt may bee good if so I will venture on a considerable quantity, if its naught I thinke not to buy one Hogh<sup>d</sup>

m<sup>r</sup> Paggen hath now ratled the planters by a late letter had they taken that course 3 year agoe it might have been 2 or 3000£ in their way & some Hundreds in mine. I have not recd a letter from you since my arriveall, but Suppose all well hearing nothing to y<sup>e</sup> contrary from m<sup>r</sup> Perry or others Pray give my humble Service to all our friends wishing you all health & happiness I remain

S<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> frd & Serv<sup>t</sup>

To m<sup>r</sup> A & Allen

To T. &amp; ALLEN.

Virga July 30<sup>th</sup> 1688Gen<sup>t</sup>

Yo<sup>rs</sup> of febr<sup>y</sup> & March last via Barbados & Maryland came Safe to hand & I am glad to hear of all your wellfare, though must w<sup>th</sup> others bee extreemely concerned at the dreadfull Acco<sup>t</sup> wee daily receive of our Tobacco, when it will mend God knows, here is a Mighty Crop this year If God sends good weather to house itt, there will bee a great deale of good Tobacco, if so I will (God willing) venture to ship good Store; if it proves naught I will ship little: I suppose wee may dispatch the Salt Ship betimes, & Wynne too, if please God hee arrives Safe; I hope you have not given over Bulke Tobacco My L<sup>d</sup> Effingham in his letter to y<sup>e</sup> Councell laid a good foundation for you to prosecute: My L<sup>d</sup> Baltemore doth not Act fairly I fear in that buisnesse, hee haveing given no direction in his province about itt in may Last: I have lately been very ill w<sup>th</sup> a feavor, but am now I thank God much better, & hope on a fair way of recovery I omitted one thing in my Last, that you would goe to m<sup>r</sup> Blathwaits at the Plantation Office at Whitehall, & inquire for m<sup>r</sup> Jno Povey (to whom & m<sup>r</sup> Blathwait both I have wrote Severall times this year) who will informe you whither m<sup>r</sup> Ayleway hath made any Stir about his Patent (10) or not, or whither hee bee in Towne if hee is whither hee will Sell his Patent, & whither m<sup>r</sup> Blathwait (to whom I wrote to give 100 Guineas for itt) hath offer'd him anything or not; If m<sup>r</sup> Blathwait hath made any bargain I desire you would please to pay the mony or if m<sup>r</sup> Ayleway bee in Towne I desire you would discourse him yourselves: I have promised m<sup>r</sup> Povey a yearly gratuity so I suppose hee will bee free with you, & by him you may understand whats necessary in my buisnesse on that Side, you may acquaint m<sup>r</sup> Povey when our James River ships come by whom I shall most readily receive Letters. I have Some Skins & ffurres by mee but no hopes of Sending them till next shipping; I hope they will rise for New York trade is quite Spoiled by the ffrench warring with their Indians, I hope Audeleys ships Ladeing proved better then you expected; all concerned here are well Satisfy'd hee is gone for Holland & wish

Bradley had gone with her. Wynne wee hope will bring some news what becomes of both their Loadings.

My best respects & Service to all friends I take leave Gent<sup>l</sup>  
Yo<sup>r</sup> most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

W B

Please to Send mee these things underwritten

One do of Shoes for my wife of y<sup>e</sup> Same Size Last year

1 p<sup>r</sup> slippers for my Selfe

3 or 4 do of Boy's & Girles shoes from 3 year Old to 6 or 7

1 do of shoe brushes

1 do Brushes for Clothes

2 Voyders for table Linnen

2 Horse Collers & traces

2 do of files for my Steel mill Saws Ben Bradley charges mee  
a do last year but not one could ever bee found

W B

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> T & Allen

(To be Continued.)